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29 July 2021

The Civillian Secretary of Police  
Pretoria

Personal Attention: Mr M Ntwana

Dear Sir,

### **DRAFT AMENDMENT BILL: FIREARMS CONTROL ACT 60 OF 2000**

As part of the comments prepared by SA Hunters on the draft Amendment Bill SA Hunters prepared a petition for consideration by members on the purpose of the amendments. The wording of the petition reads as follows:

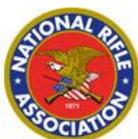
*As responsible and compliant firearm owners for specifically hunting and sport shooting purposes we oppose and object to:*

- 1) *The removal of Section 93 which enables legal firearm owners to reload ammunition*
- 2) *The reduction of ammunition rounds allowed to 100*
- 3) *Imposing administrative fines on owners, dealers, manufacturers, and gunsmiths for late application of firearm licences*

The petition was signed by **11 684** individual signatories in support thereof. Attached hereto please find a full list of all the signatories who as individuals signed the petition.

In addition to the petition provision was created for individuals to also provide some written comments. The comments received are provided in detail below.

1. **Guisseppi Tagliaferr:**  
Targeting legal owners and sports shooters will do nothing to improve crime but only further restrict compliant citizens
2. **Robert Prinsloo:**  
Herlaai van rontes meer akkuraat.
3. **Jean Harris:**  
You will destroy any hopes for people that want to compete in sport shooting and long distance shooting as it will become to expensive for people to compete. As well as being able to develop their own loads for hunting.
4. **Frank Scheepers:**  
Focus on illegal fire arms. I cannot afford to buy ammunition and as sport shot I cannot be competitive if I don't load my own rounds which is suited for each rifle. I don't have time to shop for ammo every week.
5. **Izak Janse van Vuuren:**  
I was born and raised on a farm in the Eastern Freestate. Fire arms were part of our daily life in controlling problem animals and to provide meat for the table. After my Military Training I became actively involved in sport shooting and hunting. For the past 45 years I never bought any ammunition but reloaded my own ammunition to perfection. I am in a position to exactly know what ammunition to use under which circumstances to achieve the best results during hunting and sport shooting events. These amendments will deprived me of my passion and my privilege for shooting excellence.



6. Hansie Lerm:  
I am an eager shooter, hunter and reloader. I am reloading because of cost saving and accuracy. As sport shooter we shoot a lot and it become a very pricy sport and you are not competitive if you are not reloading.  
When hunting different species one needs different calibers and therefore more fire arms.  
The legal fire arms are not the problem, so they are targeting the wrong group
7. Roeloef Euvrard:  
The proposed changes to the law has no effect on criminals/illegal firearms. Legal firearm owners will only be punished by the changes. This change will make essential training extremely expensive and unreasonable.
8. Baren Jacobus vd Berg:  
I am a dedicated hunter / shooter who will reload amunition to improve my sport abilities and by improving acuracy allso save on amunition and assure ifficiency in the hunting fiel
9. JS du Plessis:  
Ridiculous to try and lower crime by limiting law abiding citizens while te police and military are responsible for most arms lost. Criminals will not abide with anything. We have to be permitted to defend ourselves, practice our sport and keep jobs alive. Don't be ignorant. Study what happened in Australia and learn
10. Hannes van Eeden:  
Ammunition is calibrated for a certain rifle and calibre therefore self loading is required. To buy in bulk makes it cheaper and more economic viable.
11. Theodore de Beer:  
The Gov and the Minister should focus their efforts and attention to the REAL problem which is criminals, crime and the criminal element in society. Further to execute their mandate to protect and serve the public interest as opposed to disarming and restricting legal gun ownership. Statistics have shown that the majority of guns used in crimes have been sourced from the SAPS & SANDF and NOT from private gun owners.
12. Piet Oberholzer:  
It's more affordable to reload
13. Gerdus Grobler:  
I am an avid hunter and sport shooter. This will COMPLETELY change so many aspects of the sport we love! It will make it so that we cannot compete at our fullest potential.
14. Wilna Wissigkeit:  
To be able to reload ammo enables you to practice more often, thereby ensuring ethical hunting. For sport shooting it is too expensive not to be a reloader. Many obsolete calibers exist and there is no commercial ammo available. Reloading is necessary
15. Callie Webb:  
The Gov is going the wrong way with this. Firearms in poss of private owners is and will never be the problem, why not, besause they adhere to the law. Firearm are locked in safes. Hunters are loving their sport, and are an assett to the countries economy.
16. George Black:  
I have a right to compet in the sport i like as well as i like to hunt. I need to protect my property and family as the Police can not
17. Andries Kruger:  
I very strongly disagree with the new propals.  
Reloading is fundamental to shooting. It is a matter of accuracy AND costs.  
2ndly, the economic contribution because of reloading probability far outways the sale of guns or factory ammunition. Thus creating 1000s of jobs primarily and secondarily even millions. Do not

further Hamper our economy or our wildlife by persuing these moronic new laws. Wildlife will have no value and numbers will fall. Possible endangerment of specious and extinctions may follow. Further, more illegal activities will follow, example rhino poaching, and that will even speed up the decay further.

Criminals will keep weapons and terrorise civilians.

Legal weapons are nearly insignificant in any crime statistic IF even present.

YOU, mr or mrs lawmaker will be SAFE BECAUSE of civilians who have legal weapons and OWN THEM law abidingly.

License the gun owner.

Register the firearm.

18. William Howard:

Stopping huntets and sport shooters to reload and develop the best loads for a specific firearm will make competitions a accuracy a fake. This is rediculous. When shooting competitions one fires up to 200 rounds per day. Limiting this would be the most stupid thing government can do. Legal firearm owners have done what was expected from them according to current legislation. However basically all the illegal firearms are still in circulation and mostly those confiscated during previous amnesties, the SANDF and SAPS and they do not even how many !!!!!. This is the worst piece os prposed legislation that has seen the light.

19. Trevor Abrahams:

I am dedicated sports shooter and need to reload I quantities to compete in the different disciplines of Mt sport.

20. Brian Midlane:

I am a dedicated sport shooter. I cannot practice and participate in competitions without my firearms and sufficient ammunition. I am seriously opposed to ammendments to the firearm control act in any form.

21. Adele van Zyl:

Police can't handle crime at the moment, They couldn't even stop the looters from looting the community had to step in. Police officials cant do their annual shooting because of ammunition thats just not available. I'll rather take my chances with my own firearm and ammunition than to wait for a response vehicle to assist me after my kids and I was raped. Why disarm the law abiding citizens when criminals roam the streets after the so called curfew. Still after all the video's shown on Facebook only a few was arrested after a week of hell in 2 of South Africa's provinces. People need to seriously wakeup and see for themselves that it's us against the criminals.

22. Desmond Masuret:

As a result of ongoing practice and excercises at sportshooting events limited amounts of ammunition will not suffice. Furthermore the result of batch reloading is more practical as reloading every day or week due to time constrains.

23. Bertus Haring:

As an law abiding citizen, practicing sport shooting and hunting, I need to reload my ammunition to be competitive and be able to practice. I have been reloading for 30 years now. Please do not penalize the law abiding citizens.

24. John Ernest van den Berg:

I am signing this petition because we have should have the right to exercise the sport we love and enjoy. In order to become good at something you need to practise. To practise shooting you need to have ammunition if and when you want to go and shoot. Limiting the amount of ammunition you are allowed to have as well ad the ability to reload will make the sport more costly.

25. Marinda Kotze:

I am signing because I participate in sport shooting. in order for me to obtain knowledge and skills, it requires me to spend time on the range, shooting my sporting and hunting guns, which of course will require me to transport and shoot far more than a few rounds. I oppose and object this amendment.

26. Darren Fleming:

These restrictions restrict us from hunting our own food and shooting for sport and hobby. This is unconstitutional in that we are now longer allowed to feed our families and do our hobbies. As for reloading of ammunition each hunter loads his own ammo to match the game, distance and barrel twist to get the best performance from his rifle calibre and accuracy. Not been able to reload for sports shooting greatly affects the cost of shooting sports as store bought ammo is 10 times or more expensive to purchase and availability of the right ammunition which gives you maximum accuracy in your craft will not be available at all times to win in your sport matches. Reloading is not just cheaper but one can reload to get the best ballistics, accuracy and less wear on your firearm. I reject this bill in its entirety and our freedoms to do the sports/ hunting that bring us happiness and fun in our lives. Hunting brings in millions of Rands in revenues which go to wildlife conservation and taxes and this will greatly affect wildlife and taxable revenues for the state.

27. Freddie Janse van Rensburg:

I am a sport shooter and you want to take my freedom of exercising my right to practice my loved sport, away. Stop this rubbish

28. Giesel Pettison:

They are mostly a very responsible group of people who know and respect the law as it stands. They are actively involved in nature Conservation and wildlife health and welfare. I would rather that the authorities focus on changing things that don't work or are broken than messing up something that works well.

29. Charel de Nysschen:

We need weapons and ammunition for our hobby, sport and hunting.

30. Tinus van Staden:

Reloading is a hobby, and also a fine art if you want to do it correctly. People who do shooting as a sport, or even as a hobby also reload their ammo because it is much cheaper than buying factory produced ammunition. I also have a question. How many more jobs does this government want people to lose?

31. Chris Swanson:

Im signing because we have rights as gun owners and this government is interfering with OUR rights while ignoring the MANY ILLEGAL GUNS in t h e hands of criminals, mostly their own PEOPLE.

32. Belinda Calitz:

I oppose to this law as i do hunting occasionally so this law is unlawful as the government restrict everything lately. We have very strict laws more than other countries so this is becoming ridiculous as we are responsible shooters.

33. Johan van Aarde:

Ridiculous for a country where crime and murders are headline news, and police officers are continuously losing firearms .

We are living in one of the most violent countries in the world and cannot rely on the crooked police force for protection.

34. Fanie Nel:

I am against it, they want to limit us as sport shooters to re load our own ammunition which is much more accurate than the ammunition you can buy and it happen before that we were limited by the ammunition which you can get at Gun dealers at a very high price.

35. Pieter-Jan Swanepoel:

Ammunition is really expensive and reloading makes it more affordable. Usually we shoot 400 rounds when we go to the shooting range now that means we will have travel 100km every week just to buy ammunition for our guns that means we won't have ammunition for selfdefense. And we have seen in past months that the SouthAfrican government are not able to protect South-Africa. We must not become the next Cuba or Zimbabwe and this amendment will ensure that. Please don't so this

36. Eddy Bunge:

I oppose any limitations on Ammunition as a dedicated hunter & sport Shooter !  
As well as any reloading restrictions ..

37. Jakes Etsebeth:

Limiting the amount of ammo is limiting the sport. A good competition takes in the region of 200 rounds if you hit every target as you should. For me I will then need 350 rounds minimum.

There is also different loads you use for different sports. Similarly as a hunter you make use of different loads to hunt at distance v/s close or in bushy terrain or even when you are hunting different game.

There should be no limit to the amount of ammunition you as a dedicated sports shooter or dedicated hunter is allowed to keep.

38. Rudo Louw:

I am signing this petition to oppose the new FCA amendments in its entirety. I am an active sport shooter, reloader of ammunition and regularly need more than 100 rounds to participate in my sport.

39. Allen Bates:

Sport shooting has become a major driving force on government tax coffers. We spend a lot of hard earned money on our sport. That is to the benefit of the government. It's safe and well organized. On a weekend we can shoot out a 1000 rounds easily. Then we need to go buy all the components needed to reload our practice and competition ammo. We aren't reloading military style ammo. We are reloading cast and round nose fmj bullets. Yes they can be lethal. But aren't designed to inflict massive damage as the military and saps ammunition. Leave us be to enjoy our sport. It doesn't affect you the government in any way or form

40. Ricud Roets:

You want to kill the hunting industry, we don't reload to make war but to hunt. You cannot make war with a hunting rifle and it is cost effective

41. Derik Kidson:

Why do legal fire arm owners get restricted but little to none is done to police criminals with fire arms. When a sportsman goes shooting it will cost him a large amount if he has to buy ammo same with professional hunters or seasonal hunters

42. Bennet Masyn:

This is a draconian law and will kill sport shooting and infringe on people's rights to freely participate in sport shooting activities as sport shooting requires a lot of ammunition to practise with and compete with... a lot of sporting talent will be lost and infringed upon...

43. Anthony Baleta:

I have been an extremely active sport shooter and hunter for many years. I was able to attain my colours in one of the many sport shooting disciplines that I compete in. If reloading ammunition was not allowed, I would not be able to compete or even practice owing to the extremely high cost of ammunition. Illegal firearms are the problem in society, not law abiding responsible firearm owners. It is obviously much more difficult for the police to tackle the actual problem of going after criminals with illegal firearms, than it is for them to go after 'soft' targets like law abiding firearm owners who are responsible.

44. Theo vd Wath:

We the law abiding citizens are under serious threat of danger, because the Lawlessness in this country is way out of control..SAPS is useless in protecting us or worse part of these criminal thugs organisations and gangs. There is so much corruption starting from the MEC and it runs like a poison through the whole organisation.

As citizens we can and we will do a better job at stopping the violence, murder, rape and robberies being perpetuated against us. We are the targets why should we not be the ones to defend our families, friends and property. The statistics show SAPS and SANDF are outgunned, outnumbered and worst of all weaker than the criminals who are hell bent on turning this country into Somalia, Ethiopia, Uganda, DRC, Burundi, name any others where a failed state has left the country run with

gang warlords and organised criminal leaders.

South Africa is only 1 month away of becoming the next Zimbabwe! Wake up or Fly Off. This was clearly proven in this last month of rioting and looting!! Neither of these state owned divisions couldn't, wouldn't react in time and even had to be saved, resupplied by the very citizens you want to leave as sitting ducks by disarming them. Your Armies and SAPS were supported in fire fights by members of the public who at 60yrs old better trained still!? What would the death toll had been if we the Law Abiding Citizens had not intervened? Or if we do as your SAPS members so and arrive 6hrs after the incidents???. The track record of SAPS under the current leadership is appalling, suspiciously aligned with the criminals, and worse the it's Leaders are not even qualified to take of a grocery store security officer!

45. Shami Eksteen:

This could have detrimental effects on the culling industry and sports industry that will also effect end users.

46. Heinrich van der Walt:

Due to the recent unrest in our country, self-defence is a valid reason to licence a firearm. We hereby demand that the FCA amendment bill 2021 be immediately withdrawn. We demand that stakeholder consultation be entered into and all stakeholders represented. We demand that the competency be defined as a licence to possess a firearm type. We demand the scrapping of renewals, it serves no purpose. We demand the scrapping of numerical limits on the possession of firearms and ammunition. We demand the withdrawal of restrictions on firearm types that may be licenced. We demand that S13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17 & 20 be amalgamated into one section reading: "a firearm shall be licenced for a lawful purpose." Lawful purpose: self-defence, every day carry, sport, collecting and work purposes. We demand that the requirement for providing a motivation be withdrawn. We demand that the licencing process be moved entirely online from the point of purchase. We demand that dealer connectivity to the CFR system be instituted as provided for in the FCA. The dealer registers the sale on the system. The purchaser will have a profile created on the system when applying for competency (licence). The purchaser takes proof of registration and the prescribed payment to their local DFO, said official confirms the transfer on the CFR system. The DFO provides a confirmation of registration to the purchaser who can then collect their property at the dealer. This can be done while the purchaser waits. We demand that CFR be decentralized and each Provincial office handles their own firearm licencing process. The gun control debate is over. Firearm rights are civil rights. We have a Constitutional Right to Life. We have the right to defend our lives with the most effective tool available, a firearm. The right to firearms is thus an implicit right. #WeThePeople

47. Leon Marx:

I'm a hunter and reloader... And i am a law abiding citizen. I have firearm licenses and i was declared competent to use them for the reasons i motivated my purpose for them on my application... I stuck to my part of the deal by handling them safely and to use them accordingly... I am not less competent now than i was when i got my licenses, so i believe that the governments plan to take away firearms from guys like me is unthinkable. Maybe there is more behind this than meets the eye?. Maybe its time to look at the rights of law abiding citizens and not criminals.

48. Linda de Wet:

I am signing this petition because I am a sportshooter and need to practice a lot, therefore leading your own ammunition is much cheaper and more accurate than using factory ammunition. It is anyway illegal weapon users that need to be penalized, NOT law-abiding citizens. Thank you

49. Hendrie van der Merwe:

You are taking away my sport which is done in a very safe controlled enviroment. I have been found competent and still I am being punished for what others are doing. Are you going to stop motoracing. Limit the number of cars one can have. Stop bowhunting which is more dangerous. Think ahead.

50. Johan Smit:

To buy ammunition that is already loaded will kill the sport shooting industry. It is to expensive to buy 20 rounds per box. The ammunition that has been loaded is mass loaded so it can't shoot as accurate as when you load ammunition yourself.

51. Werno Drinkwater:  
I do hunting , sport shooting and a lot off practice shooting , i spent ten's of thousands of rands on this sport and it just would not make sense financially to buy preloaded ammo this would not shoot as accurate as my developed losds.
52. Ettienne Pienaar:  
Om die beste in jou sport te probeer wees moet jy toegelaat word om die beste bekostigbaarste toerusting te bekom. Herlaai van patrone is net een van die komponente om n stappie beter te wees as jou opponent. Ook as toegewyde jagter wil jy 100% seker wees van al jou toerusting.
53. Cornelis Potgieter:  
We are entitled to live FREE in a DEMOCRATIC DISPENSATION AND WE CLAIM TO KEEP OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE FOR OURSELVES. WE WANT TO PROTECT OURSELVES WITH FIRE ARMS AND AMMUNITION AND DO HUNTING/SHOOTING WITH RIFLES. SO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND KEEP THE STATUS QOUE.
54. Gerrie de Bruin:  
I am a sport shooter and accuracy is needed, I hunt and there more than every accuracy is needed to obtain a good shot.
55. Abram Potjieter:  
I'm doing sport shooting and hunting , for me to do both I need to have more loading ammo for the range . Target shooting takes precision ammo loadings and always load to better your shooting
56. Peter Bohm:  
Reloading is my hobby and passion. It is my life and who I am. If I am not allowed to reload, it is as good as taking a toy away from a child.
57. Danie Els:  
The industry need to have a constant flow of business and the serious hunters makes need to have the possibility to be accurate
58. Jannie de Nysschen:  
I'm signing because I am a professional hunter, outfitter and a farmer and I am in the hunting industry. I use a lot of ammunition, so reloading ammunition is a must for me and I do a lot of practice on the shooting range so therefore I need a lot of ammunition.
59. John Dumond:  
I am signing because I participate hunting. But in order for me to grow in knowledge and skills, it requires me to spend time on the range, shooting my hunting guns, which of course will require me to transport and shoot far more than a few rounds. I oppose and object this amendment.
60. Francois Massyn:  
I sign this petition because if we can't reload our own ammunition sport shooting will suffer
61. Mauritz Rykheer:  
I am a responsible firearm owner, a military veteran an a concerned citizen. Legal firearms have never been the problem, its been proven world wide. The current inept government should rather concentrate on curbing the loss of government firearms and equipment, as well as coming up with a proper crime prevention strategy.
62. Mark Travis:  
I'm signing this petition because the proposed amendments are unjustified and seek only to strangle the law abiding citizen by imposing ludicrous restrictions.  
The potential damage to an already fragile economy should be reason enough to dismiss these proposed amendments.  
It is blatantly clear after the recent unrest that SAPS is unable to effectively protect the citizens of South Africa. Governments attempt to disarm legal, law abiding citizens and leave them defenseless is absurd.

63. Andrikos Alecandrou:

I am a dedicated hunter and sport shooter and I reload all my ammunition otherwise I can not afford this sport

64. Jaco Erasmus:

I need to reload my hunting ammo to get the best performance and to make a ethical kill on the animal I hunt also to save cost to go to the shooting range and practice

65. Riaan Rossouw:

I'm signing this petition because I do not believe the government is looking at it correctly. Reloader's is not the criminal in this country, its the outlaws that is the criminal. They use any thing for their crimes.

I participate in hunting and sport shooting and I use my reloading to for fill my needs in hunting and sport shooting. Off the shelf ammo is not as good as reloaded ammo that is developed for your specific gun.

66. Michale Botha:

Ammunition available from firearm dealers does not always serve practically in all hunting situations. Habitat, animals and distances that hunting occurs in.

Limiting hunters to load their own ammunition will lead to less hunting and ultimately to job losses which South Africa cannot afford. We have a too high unemployment rate.

Furthermore to the knowledge I have, except for the odd honest accident where a fellow hunter gets killed, hunting rifles and ammunition is not used for criminal activity.

Lesser hunting will also lead to less nature protection which can contribute to vulnerable wildlife species going extinct.

I am against any changes in the Firearms Control Act without prior consultation with hunting organizations, gun owners of SA and other parties that is opposed to the change in the Firearms Control Act.

I trust you will consider these comments as well as the number of signatories of the petition as part and parcel of the process of the review of the draft bill.

Yours sincerely



Fred Camphor  
CEO: SA Hunters